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Apology

PLATO (ΠΛΑΤΩΝ) (c. 428 BC - c. 347 BC)
translated by Benjamin Jowett

The *Apology* is Plato's version of the speech given by Socrates as he defended himself in 399 BC against the charges of "corrupting the young, and by not believing in the gods in whom the city believes, but in other daimonia that are novel". ("Apology" here has its earlier meaning of speaking in defense of a cause or of one's beliefs or actions.) The text is written in the first person from Socrates' point of view, as though it were Socrates' actual speech at the trial. During the course of the speech, Socrates twice mentions Plato as being present. There is, however, no real way of knowing how closely Socrates' words in the *Apology* match those of Socrates at the actual trial. (*Wikipedia*)

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